

To: [E-OHPSCA2713.EBSA](#)
Subject: Thank you for supporting birth control for all women
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Dear Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health & Human Services,

I commend the Department of Health & Human Services' landmark decision requiring health insurers to cover the full cost of contraception, with no co-pay, beginning in August 2012.

This policy places a much-needed importance on women's health that is too-often not a priority in health care policy. Birth control is a critical part of preventive care, and making contraception available to all women, regardless of their insurance or ability to pay for it, will significantly reduce long-term health care costs associated with unplanned pregnancies.

Thank you for prioritizing women's basic health care needs.

As a young woman who has been using birth control on and off due to financial reasons since I was 17 years old, I am very relieved that this new policy was approved. It makes me have more faith in the health department of the USA to make good decisions based on science, not someone's opinion. I have had trouble paying for my birth control, and I go to planned parenthood to get it since I am uninsured. I pay \$25 a month and even that is a financial burden. I know many women who have had unplanned pregnancies due to lack of access to, or a misunderstanding of, birth control. I hope you keep up the good work and also, try to change policies in places like Texas, where too many young women are becoming pregnant because of the ignorance and misguided religious thinking that has become state policy.

We need government policy based on health, science, compassion, and human rights, not on the opinions of ignorant people.

Thank you

Sincerely,

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